CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Rocco's Bitches in Uniform
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1200812.000
Medium:	DVD
Distributor:	Calvista NZ Ltd
Director:	Rocco Siffredi
FVLB Applicant:	Calvista NZ Ltd
Producer:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	English, Italian
Applicant:	Film & Video Labelling Body
Classification:	The unexcised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable. The excised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
Excisions:	Recommended but not made
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	29 October 2012
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Scenes Extras	
Feature(s):	Rocco's Bitches In Uniform	155:37
Timed component(s):	Rocco's Abbondanza Big Natural Boobs Rocco's Psycho Love Rocco's X-treme Gapes 2 Behind The Scenes Notices	1:00 1:00 1:00 16:20 1:01
Untimed component(s):	Photo Gallery	
Total running time:		175:58

Summary of reasons for decision:

The DVD is devoted to the explicit depiction of sexual activity. Two excisions to the feature are required to remove aggressive, controlling and contemptuous sexual and physical conduct by men directed at women which have strong overtones of sexual violence. A further excision is required to remove the trailer 'Rocco's X-treme Gapes 2' as it presents a barrage of strongly degrading and dehumanising sexual conduct presented in a manner which exacerbates the effect.

If the excisions had been made, the DVD would have been classified as objectionable except if the availability is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. However, the distributor declined to make the excisions, so it is classified as objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. The right to freedom of expression has been weighed against the likelihood of injury to the public good if the publication is available. The classification of objectionable is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications which depict degrading, dehumanising and demeaning sexual activity to such a degree that their availability is likely to be injurious to the public good.